कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवंत सिहं रामूवालिया): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Coaching Facilities to the SC and ST Candidates Appearing for IAS Examination in Gujarat

617. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government have miKje arrangements for providing coaching and other assistance to the candidates belonging to SCs and STs appearing for IAS and allied service examination and other examinations conducted by UPSC from time to time in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether institutions in the State have been identified and recognised for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of SOST candidates benefited from this scheme in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) whether this arrangement has benefited the SOST candidates in view of their pass percentage?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Sector Scheme of Coaching and Allied for SCs-5Ts is being implemented all over the country including the State of Gujarat. Under the Scheme funds are provided to the State Governments on 50:50 basis while the Universities and private Institutes are given 100% grant.

(c) and (d) yes Sir, The Prc-Examination Training Centres for SOST run by the Govt, of Gujarat are located at Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Baroda, Bulsar, Dahod, Pavijetpur, Bhilod, Mandvi, Rajpipla, Ahwa and Baroda.

(c) Years	No. of candidates coached
1994-95	505
1995-96	824
1996-97	537

(f) The Scheme has benefitted the *SO* ST candidates as if prepares them to appear in various competitive examinations.

Recommendations made by National Commission for Safai Karamchari

618. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mcating of the National Commission for Safai Karamchari held since its constitution;

(b) the details of the business transacted at each of the said meetings;

(c) the main recommendations made by the Commission to Government in the interest of Safai Karamchari; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the interest of the aforesaid Safai Karamchari?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Safai karamcharis have held 16 meetings so far from the date of its constitution. In these meetings, among other things, various aspects with regard to functioning of the Commission, effective implementation of the national Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents, etc. were discussed.

(c) and (d) The Commission have so far submitted two Reports relating to the years 1994-95 and 1995-96. The main recommendations include:—

(1) permanent term and constitutional status as well as financial autonomy for the Commission and status of Cabinet Minister for Chairperson;